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DECATUR: Esther Oliver Bible, 93, a homemaker, died Saturday, July 11, 2015 in Decatur.

Esther was born on March 14, 1922 to Benjamin Franklin and Anna Bell (Sinty) Oliver in Crawford, Texas. She was the last child and only girl of the late Benjamin and Anna Oliver. Esther was united in marriage to Charles Bible Sr. on October 30, 1937 in Meridian, Texas, they shared 70 years together. They had 6 children together and she was also a motherly influence to a loving stepson.

She was a member at St. John Baptist Church. She worked at Darwin Hospital as a cook and a caregiver to many. She was voted "Mother of St. John" in 2007. She was Mission President, choir member, and faithful servant until her health began to decline. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Decatur Garden Club.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Charles A. Bible Sr. in 2008; her parents: Ben and Anna Oliver; her brothers and their spouses: Bennie and Josephine Oliver; Henry and Ruthie Oliver; Joseph and Faye Oliver and Clodis and Willie Mae Oliver; her sons: Charles A. Bible Jr. and Jonathan "Joe" Bible; her grandsons: James "Jamie" Bible and Nolan Bible; her granddaughters: Latanya Sims and Jo-Ann Bible Hall; two great granddaughters; two great grandsons.

Survivors include her daughters: Wilmer Jean McWilliams and husband, Alfred, of Locust Grove, Georgia; Bonnie Bible of Arlington; Martha Sue Bible of Decatur and Anna Juno Bible of Houston; her son, Johnathan S. Bible and wife, Betty, of Mexia; her daughters-in-law, L. Jean Bible of Decatur and Barbara Bible of Waco; 38 grandchildren; 94 great grandchildren; 83 great great grandchildren; honorary family, Robert and Lorna Grant of Florida; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 2015 at First Baptist Church of Decatur with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Rev. B.J. Thomas and Rev. C.D. Lockhart officiated. Pallbearers included Michael Moten II, Daren Gabriel Jr., Dustyn Bible, Dean Bible Jr., Desmon Bible, Brandon Case, De'Andre Kelley and Rodamond Moten. Honorary pallbearers were Dalane Bible, Dean Bible, Kenneth Gabriel, Keith Gabriel, Joe Bible Jr., Anson Bible, Kenneth Bible, Billy Bible, Donnie Bible, Quenton Dawson, Henry Sims Jr., Lendrick Sims, J.C. Bible, Courtney Durhan, Chris Shepperd, Kerry Avant, Anthony Stephens II, Trevin Stephens, Jeremaine Stephens and Jeremy Stephens.

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